

PUBLIC ACTS, 1999

CHAPTER NO. 337

SENATE BILL NO. 489

By Haynes

Substituted for: House Bill No. 763

By Buck, Jackson, Pinion, McMillan

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to street sweepers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section___. (a) For the purpose of this section, a "street sweeper" is a vacuum or broom-type vehicle used for routine mechanized street, road, interstate highway, and/or bridge sweeping to clean and remove sand, dirt, soil, paper, glass, cans, and other debris.

(b) If operated in compliance with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration standards, including the National Highway Safety Manual, a street sweeper may make intermittent stops as necessary to collect tree limbs, debris, and other objects the street sweeper cannot automatically collect and travel at a speed below the lawful minimum speed:

(1) On any particular roadway in all non-residential areas at any time except 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays;

(2) On any particular roadway in all residential areas at any time; or

(3) Notwithstanding items (1) and (2) of this subsection, at any time on any roadway after an emergency or an event that makes street sweeping necessary or desirable.

(c) Absent non-compliance with this section, operator negligence or an intentional tort by an operator, operation of a street sweeper in compliance with this section shall not be a violation of law, and shall not subject such street sweeper to liability for claims for personal injury, property damage or death.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 24, 1999




JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 14th day of June 1999



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